

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are currently pending in the application. Claims 2 and 4 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended and new claims 6-9 are added. Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,687,022 to Lapstun et al. ("Lapstun"). This rejection is traversed.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate features indicated to be allowable on page 5 of the Office Action. It now recites a data transfer confirming means for confirming by one clock whether or not when the liquid ejection data of predetermined words is developed in a first face, the liquid ejection data already developed in the second face has been transferred to the external memory as much as predetermined words. None of the relied-upon references teach or suggest at least this aspect of amended claim 1.

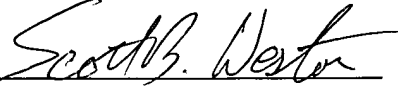
Applicants believe that no additional fees or extensions are required. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, the Office is conditionally authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**. Also, the Office should consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension period needed to have this response entered and considered, if any.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicants request reconsideration, withdrawal of all rejections, and allowance of all pending claims (i.e., claims 1, 3, and 5-9) in due course.

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